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IDF INCURSIONS

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**B. JERUSALEM 817

11. (SBU) National Security Forces (NSF) commanders report detaining 31 criminal suspects and seizing 21 stolen/unregistered vehicles in Tubas and nearby villages May 17-19. Security contacts report that PIJ spokesman Abd al-Fatah Khzaymiah turned himself over to the PA General Intelligence (Mukhabarat) May 18 after he learned the IDF had been searching for him during a May 17 incursion. Of seven PIJ militants/affiliates taken into PA custody during the Jenin operation, all remain in custody or at a hospital under police guard.

Multiple Israeli Incursions in Jenin and Qabatiya

12. (SBU) Jenin security contacts and local press report four IDF incursions into Jenin May 17-19. Early May 19, the IDF entered Jenin Refugee Camp, arrested PIJ militant Ammar Abu Ghalyun and detained a local imam for questioning. Security contacts report that the IDF entered Jenin and the Refugee camp twice May 17-18, and entered Qabatiya on May 17, taking control of and damaging two houses before leaving without making arrests.
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